

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF JAMES “CHOPPY” SAUNDERS,
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF MIDDVEST INTER-
NATIONAL

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of James “Choppy” Saunders, a leading citizen of Middletown, Ohio and to express my appreciation for his

dedication and commitment to public service. Since 1986 Choppy has given freely of his time and talents to Middfest International and for that I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks.

Choppy's love for his community goes far beyond his involvement with Middfest and his 17 years as its General Chairman. He has served on many boards and commissions. He is the past President and First Vice-President of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Planning Authority and Regional Council of Governments, President of the Middletown Board of Health, President of the Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the

Middletown Area Neediest Youth and of course was the first African American elected to the Middletown City Commission.

Choppy's record—as a committed community man and as a good neighbor helping those in need—will leave an enduring legacy in Middletown. His leadership will be missed, but the footprint he has left will inspire many to emulate his good works.

Choppy, I offer my congratulations and gratitude for your long and successful career in public service. I wish you well in your retirement, and I hope you continue to achieve happiness and success wherever your life journey may lead you.